

PRESS NOTE

CHANGES IN SENIOR NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

NEW NAVAL CHIEF

Vice-Admiral R.D. Katari completed his extended term of four years as Chief of the Naval Staff on April 21, 1962, but, having regard to various factors, his tenure has been further extended by seven months. He will, however, proceed on leave preparatory to retirement on June 5, when Rear-Admiral B.S. Soman, at present Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet, will take over as officiating Chief of the Naval Staff.

Rear-Admiral Soman will be substantively appointed Chief of the Naval Staff on the expiry of the leave of Vice-Admiral Katari.

When Rear-Admiral Soman becomes officiating Chief of the Naval Staff on June 5, Rear-Admiral A.K. Chatterji, the present Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, will take over as Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet.

Commodore S.M. Nanda, the senior-most suitable officer available at Naval Headquarters, will temporarily officiate as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff pending permanent arrangements.

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